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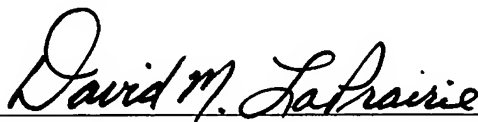
After entry of the subject Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-21 remain in the application with claim 1 in independent form. More specifically, in this amendment, claims 2-3, 5-6, and 8-9 have been amended, claims 10-21 have been added, and claims 1, 4, and 7 remain unchanged. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD & HOWARD ATTORNEYS, P.C.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. LaPrairie". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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